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elected one of the Directors of the Society in 1894. He filled the office of President during the years of 1897 and 1898; also the office of Vice-President several terms, and was a member of the Board of Directors at the time of his death. He contributed a number of valuable historical papers which are published in the Society's collections, among which may be named: "Echoes from the American Revolution," "Some African Folk Lore," "How a Woman's Wit Saved California," "Some Aboriginal Alphabets" and "Sequoyah."

He was a member of the Los Angeles Academy of Science. He was honored, and respected by all who knew him. He died November 17, 1909. His remains were taken to his old home, Mendota, Illinois, for interment.

EDWIN BAXTER.

Edwin Baxter was born in Vermont in 1831, where he received his early education. His father removed to Michigan while he was yet a boy. He grew to manhood on the western frontier and experienced all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He was studying law when the country was plunged into Civil War. Early in 1861 he enlisted as private in Co. C First Regiment of Michigan Engineers. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant. Losing his health he was mustered out of the service in 1863. He located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he practiced law for nearly twenty years. He served one term as probate judge.

He came to Los Angeles in 1881. He took part in the organization of the Historical Society of Southern California and was one of its charter members. He filled the office of Director, Vice-President and President. He was Treasurer of the Society continuously from 1895 to the time of his death, Sept. 7, 1910. He was also a Past Commander of Stanton Post G. A. R., and for many years a member of the Board of Directors of Occidental College. He is survived by a daughter, Minnie S. Baxter, a teacher in Los Angeles schools, and a son, Edwin Baxter, Secretary of the Cleveland (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce. Judge Baxter contributed several valuable papers to the Society, among others that may be named, "Leaves from the History of the Past Decade," published in the Society's Annual for 1893. He stood high among the members of the Los Angeles Bar and was regarded as a man well versed in the law and a wise counsellor.
